

REMARKS

By the above actions, claims 1 and 4 have been amended, the amendment to claim 4 being merely to correct a lack of antecedent basis problem that was discovered during preparation of this response. In view of the actions taken and the following remarks, reconsideration of this application is requested.

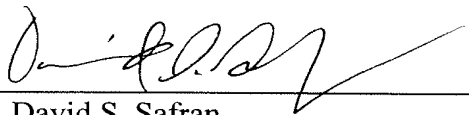
Claims 1 and 4 have been rejected under 35 USC § 102 as being anticipated by the Smith U.S. Patent 3,873,654 and claims 2, 3, and 5-8 were found to be unpatentable under 35 USC § 103 of Smith. However, Smith does not really constitute relevant prior art and at least to the extent that these rejections might relate to the claims as now presented, they should be withdrawn for the following reasons.

Smith cuts a wing core 10 made of foam into a form which almost defines the form of the finished wing, being just slightly oversized (column 4, line 7 - 14), then Smith puts partially cured glass cloth 17, 18 wetted with epoxy resin on both surfaces 11 of the foam core 10 (column 4, line 37 - 59), and finally, presses this structure comprising the wing core and both layers on its top and bottom surface in a mold Column 4, line 60 - 64). Although foam materials inherently are porous, being made with a lot of bubbles inside, the foam core 10 of Smith forms a closed cell structure, and thus, cannot be compared to the open cell honeycomb type structure of the spacer part of the present invention. Inasmuch as claim 1 has been amended to bring out this distinction between the present invention and the Smith disclosure, the Examiner should now recognize that Smith is an apple to applicant's orange, and totally incapable of rendering obvious, let alone anticipating, the present invention. Likewise, new claims 13 and 14 further distinguish applicant's process from that of Smith. Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections are in order and are requested.

While this application should now be in condition for allowance, in the event that any issues should remain after consideration of this response which could be addressed through discussions with the undersigned, then the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone for that purpose. In this regard, if the only obstacle to passage of this application for issuance as a patent is the presence of the withdrawn claims, then those claims

may be cancelled by Examiner's Amendment subject to applicant's right to file a divisional application with respect thereto.

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